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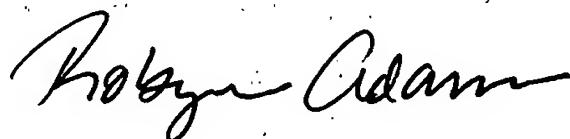
The Office Action dated December 18, 2003 required resubmission of the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the response filed by Applicants on December 1, 2003. Applicants herewith submit the "Amendments to the claims" section.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 11, 12, 18-23, 36, 38, 40 and 41 are now pending in the application. Claims 20, 38, and 41 have been amended. Claims 1-10, 13-17, 24-35, 37, and 39 have been canceled.

As stated in the response file December 1, 2003, the Office has acknowledged that claims 11, 12, 18, 19, 36, and 40 are allowed. Claims 20 and 41 have been amended to reflect proper antecedent basis. Claim 38 has been amended to be an independent claim.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6752.

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Enclosures:

Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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